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## SENATOR DAVE COX RECEIVES OUTSTANDING SENATOR AWARD

In recognition of his support of law enforcement and public safety, the California State Sheriffs' Association named Senator Dave Cox (R-Fair Oaks) as an "Outstanding Senator for 2005."

CSSA President, San Diego County Sheriff Bill Kolender said, "California's Sheriffs are very pleased to present this award to Senator Cox. His support on issues of importance to public safety and law enforcement is truly appreciated. His commitment to these issues has been a significant factor in our success in upholding our oath to the citizens we are sworn to protect. We are proud to recognize his work in support of public safety."

"California's Sheriffs and their departments have a tremendous responsibility to protect the public, and I salute their efforts," Senator Cox said. "It has been a pleasure to work with the members of the California State Sheriffs' Association to ensure they have the necessary resources to continue their outstanding level of service to the people of California."

During this year's legislative process, Senator Cox provided critical support of law enforcement budget issues to protect important public safety programs, such as COPS, Rural and Small County Sheriffs' funding, rural crime prevention funding as well as funding to methamphetamine production and use. He has been active in working on identity theft prevention issues and authoring legislation to target repeat drunk drivers.

In presenting the award, CSSA applauded the Senator on protecting the rights of all Californians. "Senator Cox is an excellent public safety advocate, consistently supporting tough penalties for dangerous criminals while fighting hard to protect critical funding for law enforcement across California," said Modoc County Sheriff Bruce Mix. "We are fortunate to have such an effective voice representing us in Sacramento."

Amador County Sheriff Mike Prizmich said, "Senator Cox is a great champion for public safety. We appreciate his willingness to work with us and we thank him for his commitment to better serve all Californians."

Senator Cox represents the 1<sup>st</sup> Senate District, which includes all or part of the counties of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Lassen, Placer, Plumas, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Sacramento and Sierra Counties.

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